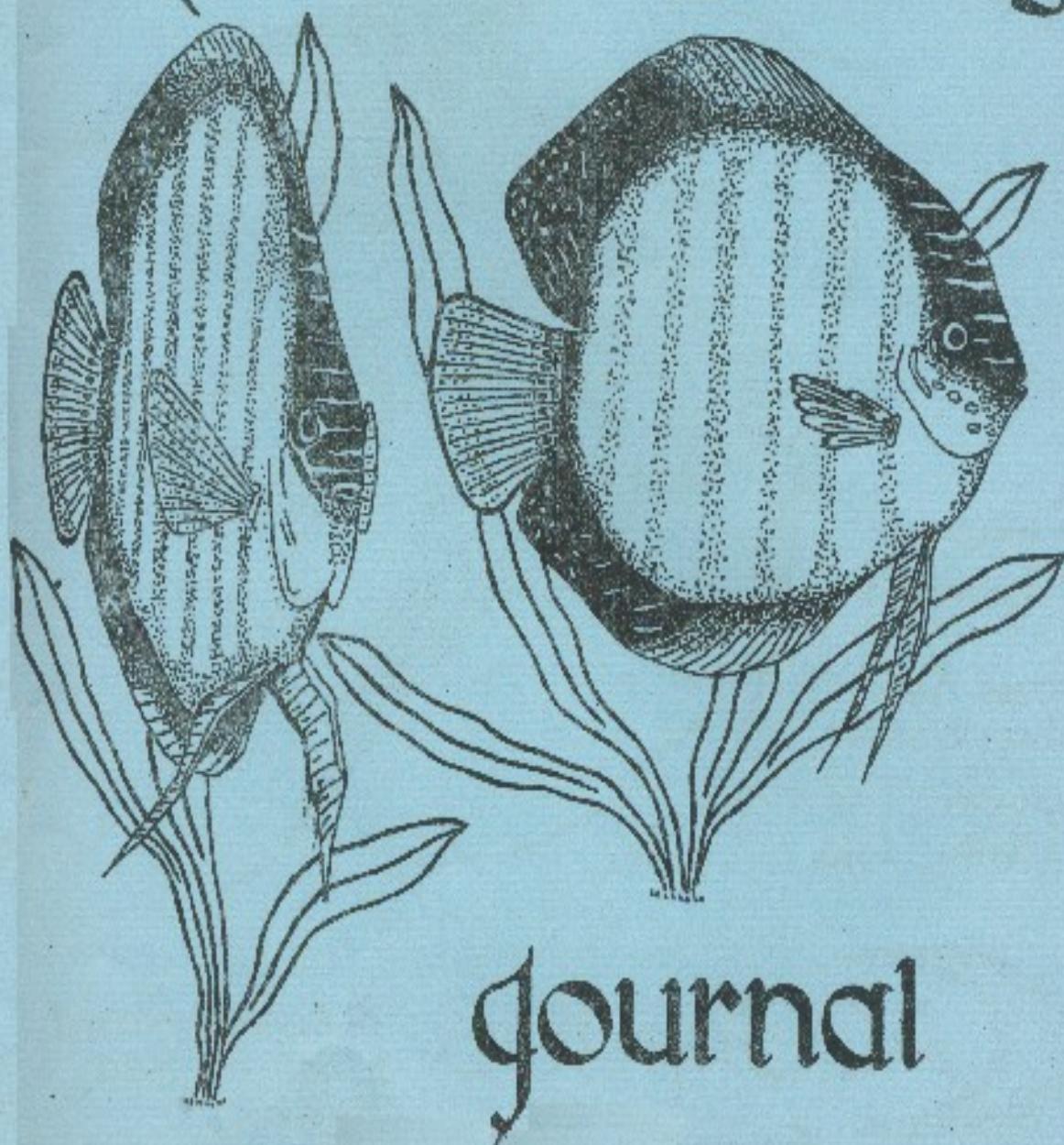


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EDITORIAL

Once again I am sitting here scratching my head, thinking "What can I say?"

Perhaps I ought to start with a correction to the last edition: Derek Durrant would like it known that he did not award himself third place in the Mini Tank competition on 19th October, when he judged that particular table show, as he would not have entered it anyway. Ed's apologies to the Member who did gain this place (with Xnot Ensini) but having thrown away the copy he can't say who it was.

Ed. is feeling rather red-faced and has a confession to make - (perhaps it would make a good slide show - "Confessions of a SLADAS Editor"?). Anyway in the last Journal Ed. put in a list of Library books that were missing, and said that perhaps some Members had them at home and had forgotten all about them. Well, can you guess? One night soon after Ed. was looking around for a completely different book and there before his very eyes was an Encyclopedia of Tropical Fishes by Innes (please see amended list in this edition). Ed.said "Where the ---- did this come from?" Anyway it is now back in the Library where it should have been weeks before. Believe me, it really is easy to mislay books and forget all about them, so please have a look - you might have one at home.

At the last Auction Ed. bought a motley collection of small articles in a plastic bag. These were put in by one of the younger members of the Club who shall remain nameless (this is a family magazine). Amongst these articles were two screw-down boxes of home made "fish food" smelling of sage and onion stuffing, and containing pearl barley and other goodies. The said containers were put on the shelf in Ed's bedroom and left. About a week later at approximately 6 a.m. Ed. was rudely awakened by a loud explosion. Investigation proved that the contents had been slowly fermenting, and had proved too much for the screw down lid. Sage and onion fish food was splattered all over the room, leaving quite a pleasant aroma. Moral: avoid sage and onion fish food — it might be dangerous!

By the time you are reading this the Open Show will be galloping ever nearer. There have been a number of meetings at Andy Smith's house towards making it a success - but help is still needed, especially so on the day and just before. So if you can help at all see Andy about it. As you heard at the last meeting, the Club is trying to get a trophy for the Silver Jubilee, and you are asked for any donations towards it. The Club will double the amount out of the

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PRESIDENTS PAGE

Once again I am being harassed by Peter to help him fill a page of the Magazine. This time due to our Open Show being very near at hand I feel a few words in this direction would not go amiss.

As you are all aware the SLADAS OPEN SHOW on the 14th May is a must in our Society - the Draw Tickets are a money spinner and can help us to put on a good show, so sell as many as you can as soon as you can. Also lets see plenty of entries coming from our Society - tell your friends about the Show and lets make 1977 the best one yet.

Don't forget Andy Smith needs all the help he can get before, on the day, and after the Show, your support and help will be greatly appreciated - ask Andy! Even one hour of your time will give someone a blow somewhere.

Also, our Social and Dance is very near to hand - this is on the 16th April, at The Paddocks, Canvey Island. The cost is £1.50 which includes a Chicken and Chips Supper at approximately 9, 0 p.m. - also plenty of dancing to a Disco with yours truly D.J. A.J.C. at the turntables. See your Social Secretary Dot Chapman for your tickets.

Give us your support at these types of functions and also the Outings - this helps our funds to go up and your subscriptions down - who knows we could have another Cheese and Wine Party at the end of the year.

That's about the lot for this edition. All the best of luck to you all in our 1977 SLADAS OPEN SHOW,

A. J. CHAPMAN.

INTER-CLUB BREAKDOWN

On the way home from the Inter-Club meeting at the Fortune of War, Tony Moltino, Steve and Mrs.Spicer were in a Mini Clubman on the A127- We had just got past Carreras when Tony could smell burning. We finally broke down a mile further up the road.

Tony and Steve got out to have a look at the engine. After looking for 5 minutes or so, Steve arrived at the conclusion that the engine had burnt out. So Tony and Steve started to walk back to the Fortune of War. It started to pour with rain then to add to our troubles. What with the mud and Tony's desperate need to spend a penny we were in a pretty bad state, when a man in a car picked us up and took us back to Carreraa,,. After he had dropped us off we tried to find a 'phone that worked, but that just added to our misery, because we could not find one that worked.

After several attempts to stop a car Tony decided to jump out in front of a car and flag it down. This was the first success of the night.

We arrived at Dave Ches's house at 10.45 p.m. - We had to wait until after 11 p.m. for them to arrive home. When they finally arrived home we were sitting there with mud all over our boots, spreading it around the Cheswright's house. We told them the whole story and Dave decided to tow us home.

All this time Steve's poor Mum had been sitting in her car on the A127 all by herself hoping. On the way home we thought we had better pick her up. Dave tried to get the car started but had no luck, so he ran us all home to Steve's house.

When we arrived Mrs.Spicer gave us coffee and cake and we sat talking for about ½ hour (Steve was told off for leaving his dirty boots in the middle of the room). Dave then ran Tony home at about 12.10 a.m. - Dave finally arrived back at his house at 12.45 a.m.

The car was finally picked up next day and repaired.

All's well that ends well!!!!

Tony Moltino
and Steve Spicer

**WE DON'T WANT BREAKDOWNS AT
OUR OPEN SHOW
SO COME AND HELP — SEE
ANDY SMITH**

Reprinted from "The Sunday Express" 2nd January 1977.

WHERE DID THEY ALL GO WHEN THEY FELL INTO THE WATER?

MY wife and I took our grandson David, aged six, to Compton Acres Gardens, near Bournemouth. As you tour the gardens there you ,finally come to the beautiful Japanese garden, which includes pools.full of gold fish, stepping stones and a tea house.

On entering this garden there is a notice board.

Standing before this, holding my grandson's hand, I read out aloud :
"Will visitors please take great care on the stepping stones when crossing the pools, especially in wet weather, as they can become extremely slippery. Some of the pools are 4ft. deep and already up to date 213 people have fallen in. Take care."

My wife then crossed the stepping stones with David, saying to him; "Just look at all the lovely gold fish."

David, replied: "Very nice, Grandma, but where are the 213 people who have fallen in?"

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Have you got any funny stories ,of your own? If so please give them to Ed. and get them printed in your own magazine.

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Below are the Table Show results and Raffle winner of the last few Club meetings. Ed. apologises for them, but did not take down his notes of what happened etc.

MEETING 4th January 1977.

This was an auction - lively as always, and there was no table show.

RAFFLE WINNERS

J. Leahy	Air Pump
K. Dyke	Book
T. Chapman	Nets
Mrs. Woods	Kenray Filter

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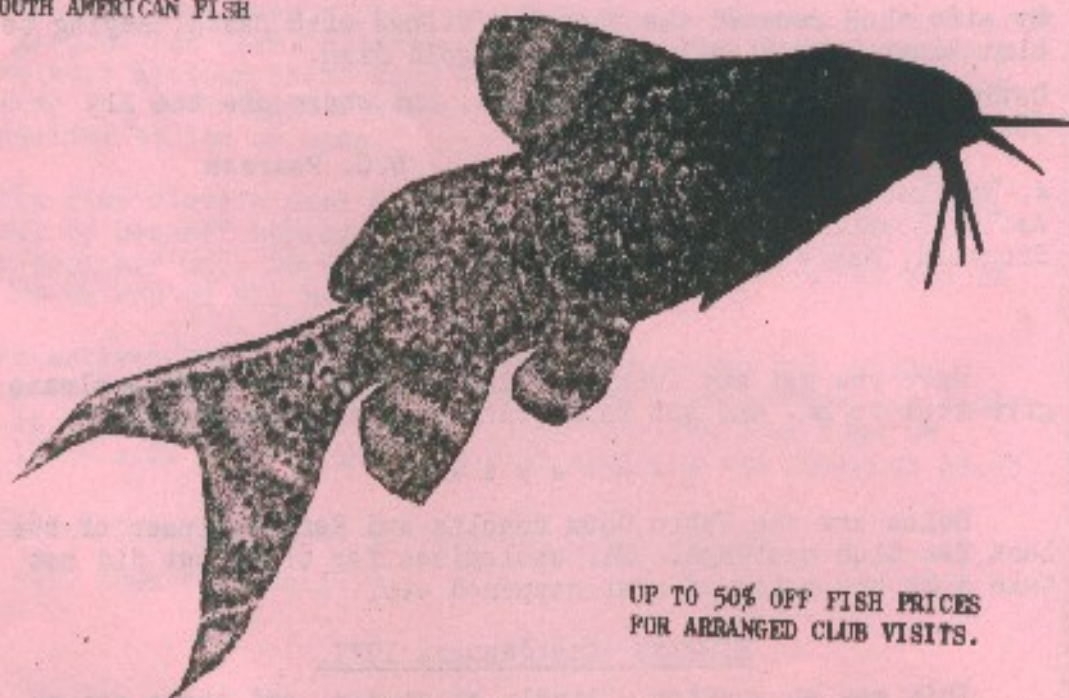
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MEETING 18th January 1977

TABLE SHOW

CLASS B – BARBS 13 entries

1st	D. North	Schuberti	93 points
2nd	C. Cheswright	Chequer	84 points
3rd	P. Faulks	Rosy	83 points
4th	C. Cheswright	Chequer	82 points

CLASS By – JUNIORS 4 entries

1st	S.Spicer	Rosy	88 points
2nd	S.Spicer	Tiger	80 points
3rd	S.Spicer	Rosy	71 points
4th	S.Spicer	Tiger	61 points

Judge - A. Chapman

SWORDTAILS 10 entries

1st	R. Smith	Black Sword
2nd	D. North	Red Sword
3 rd	D. North	Black Sword
4th	R. Smith	Red Sword

SWORDTAILS - JUNIORS -No Entries

Judge - G. Wickman

RAFFLE WINNERS

G. E. Rogers	Bath Mat
Tony Moltino	Photograph Album
Dave Cheswright	Teapot

MEETING 1st February 1977

CLASS 0 - MALE GUPPIES 17 entries

1st	R. Smith	75 points
2nd	Mrs. Wood	74 points
3rd	R. Smith	72 points
4th	D. North	71 points

CLASS Oy GUPPIES – JUNIORS 4 entries

1st	S. Spicer	61 points
2nd	S. Spicer	59 points
3 rd	S. Spicer	55 points

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CLASS E2 - LABYRINTHS

19 entries

1 st	R. Wylie	Thick Lip	78 points
2 nd	Mrs. Wood	Opaline	77 points
3 rd	R. Wylie	Leeri	73 points
4 th	J. Wimbush	Dwarf	72 points

CLASS E2y Juniors

3 entries

1 st	S. Spicer	Leeri	68 points
2 nd	S. Spicer	Leeri	67 points
3 rd	S. Spicer	Kissing	66 points

RAFFLE WINNERS

V. Gunton	Encyclopedea of Fish
R.J. Wylie	Filter
K. Adams	Kenray Filter
Mrs. P.Faulks	(Sorry, Mrs.Faulks, Ed. forgot to write it down)

MEETING 15th February 1977

TABLE SHOW

CLASS M

4 entries

1 st	R. Wylie	Australian Rainbow	79 points
2 nd	L.Faulks	Australian Rainbow	72 points
3 rd	D. North	Bony Lipped Barb	70 points
4 th	K. Adams	Golden Medaka	69 points

CLASS My - JUNIORS

1st	S. Spicer	Medaka
2nd	S. Spicer	Bumble Bee
3rd	S. Spicer	Red Rail Black Shark
4th	S. Spicer	Sucking Loach

Judge - D. DURRANT

CLASS C

1st	J. Wimbush	Hatchet	76 points
2nd	T. Irvin	Headstander	75 points
3rd	J. Wickham	Silver Tetra	74 points
4th	R. Smith	Serpea Tetra	73 points

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CLASS Cy – JUNIORS

4 entries

1st	S. Spicer	Cardinal	68 points
2nd	S. Spicer	Glow/light	64 points
3rd	S. Spicer	Black Widow	63 points
4th	S. Spicer	Neon	60 points

RAFFLE WINNERS

Mrs. A. Smith	Chocolates Wine
Mrs. A. Cheswright	Wine
D. Edwards	Chocolates Book
Mrs. L. Faulks	Book

MEETING 1st MARCH 1977

Pete Cottle was booked to give a talk for this meeting but was unfortunately unable to attend. Nevertheless, Derek Durrant stepped into the breach to give a talk and slide show on Rasboras, White Cloud Mountain Minnows and Danios. He told us how they bred and also of their fondness for hiding in dirty water (that was his story) but the Epidiascope was not functioning properly and the pictures appeared rather dark.

It was mentioned that if a member got twelve table show medals he could have them mounted on a shield.

The President also said that members would be given a library card, which must be produced if they wanted to take out a book. These can be obtained from Ron Faulks.

The Pond Competition will probably start about June, when they should be in good condition.

On Saturday 16th April there will be a Social at the Paddocks for £1.50 with chicken and chips. - Sounds good.

We were also reminded about the Brighton trip on Sunday 3rd July, which Ed. has heard is a very good day out.

TABLE SHOW

CLASS Ea - SIAMESE FIGHTERS

6 entries

1st	D. North	Male	74 points
2nd	T. Irving	Male	71 points
3rd	G. Dyer	Male	68 points
4th	J. Wimbush	Male	64 points

CLASS, Ea y – JUNIORS No entries Judge - D. HOLLIDAY.

V.A.T. for the Aquarist. D.M. Cheswright.

Any reliance on the details in this article is made at the Aquarist's own risk with no responsibility to S.L.A.D.A.S. or myself - I do not wish any reader to take the notes below too seriously. Any serious devotees to V.A.T, should obtain booklets from their V.A.T. Office and spend many, many, many hours in study.

(1) **FOOD.** This, if of a kind normally used for human consumption, is not subject to V.A.T. It is known as Zero-rated (called Z). It is Z except if it is in a certain list of excepted items unless also in an overriding list of exceptions to excepted items. It includes "Animal feeding stuffs", Animals include birds, fish, crustaceans and molluscs. It does not include "Pet Poods". It includes, amongst other things ---- Meat and Fish, in large lumps or cut up, with or without bones and whether or not "fit for human consumption" — if it is unfit for humans it does not seem to matter and is liable to V.A.T. only if it is packaged and marked "for your pet". The only way to avoid V.A.T. on your fish purchases is to convince the shop-keeper that you are either going to immediately consume them, this being "normal", or, that you are going to start a Fish Farm to supply all S.L.A.D.A.S. members with fish for their tables. I did hear of a past-Editor of this Journal who had ideas about Tilapias. Feeding your fish is not so difficult - you can buy the Meat and Fish which is on sale for humans even if "unfit" or you can buy them some decent Meat/fish if you prefer to keep the "unfit" feeding stuff for yourself.

** What about foods such as Laddoos, Halwas, Barfis and Jelabi which are Z????
Vegetable are Z — has anyone tried Vallis yet???

(2) For your Brine Shrimp — Sea salt is Z but Rock salt is liable to V.A.To

(3) For your Daphnia Pond (or sink)o "feeding dried blood" (for animals, I hope) is Z—Dried Blood, if sold as fertiliser, is liable to V.A.T.

(4) Eels and Trout, etc., dead or alive, are Z. I cannot, however, find any reference to either Tilapia or Koi. If you keep these for Food you should be able to buy their food as Z,

(5) Water is Z. Distrilled or deionised is subject to V.A.T. Answer - ignore distilled and deionise your own-

(6) All printed Books and regular Journals are Z.

(7) Fuel for Heating and Lighting is Z, including Firelighters and other "kindling". Do not use matches as these are liable to

** These are Indian and Parkistani delicacies

V.A.T. Ditto lighter fuel. Answer, if using solid fuel — 2 sticks. Fuel includes "Peat Sods" and other Peat "sold as fuel". Your normal Horticultural Peat is liable, so use S for your Grindal.

(8) Sheds have been Z since May, 1976, provided they are secure under their own weight and stand on a Permanent base of Concrete, etc., even if not actually fixed down. Aquaria, etc., (non-electric) are liable to 8% and Electrical gear is 12%.

(9) If you fancy a proper funeral for your Pet you will have to pay VAT.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Below is a very brief resume of the Committee Meetings from last Autumn until January this year.

28th September 1976

Matters Arising

Mr. Moltino has obtained a quote for £9 for the Best Fish, Juniors Trophy, He also had a plastic angel centre for Table Show medals, which would be 60p each.

It was agreed to chase up outstanding subs which some members had not yet paid.

A jumble sale to help raise funds had been suggested, but as there was no support for it, the idea was dropped.

The Secretary asked if the Library Box had been repaired, to which the President replied that it was not a lot of use to repair it as it was really U/S and it would be best to have a new one altogether.

Treasurer's Report

As the Treasurer was absent there was no report, but it was said by the Secretary that he could get a 1000 watt bulb for the Epidiascope for £18.50. After discussion it was agreed to purchase one, and then the two that the Club would then have would be cheaper than buying a new projector. It was agreed to order 50 Club Badges at 30p each plus VAT and postage.

A. O. B.

Mr. Moltino asked if it was worth collecting Green Shield Stamps for Club funds, but this idea was rejected. He also suggested that a start should be made on buying Table Show Trophies. The Secretary replied that many members preferred medals which they could keep.

Mr. Smith asked for details of the Open Show Trophy so that Members could give in details of their points.

The Secretary said it had been suggested that Jim Wimbush be presented with the Meritorious Breeding Trophy for the catfish that he had bred. It was agreed that this should be presented regularly for less difficult species to breed, if they were bred by a beginner.

The Social Evening was discussed for 21st December. It was agreed to try to keep expenses down below £75- Mr. Preston offered to donate 5 gallons of beer. The proposal to hold the Social was put to a vote: there were 4 in favour and 2 against..

25th October 1976

Matters Arising

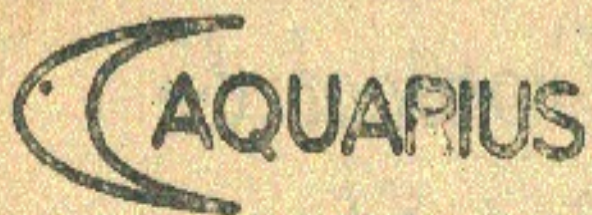
Mr. Wickman asked what the cost of a new Library Box would be. The President said that it would be about £30 - too much to spend at that moment.

Mr. Durrant asked if the proposed alterations to the rules for the Meritorious Breeding Trophy were available. This trophy was to be awarded to a SLADAS member, subject to the Committee's approval for breeding a species of fish not already bred by any other member. It was agreed that this trophy should be more publicised as not all Members knew about it. The Secretary suggested adding to the rules: "A Member considering that he or she has bred a species eligible for this trophy must inform the Table Show Secretary of the date of birth and the species as soon as possible after bred." This was agreed.

Mr. Moltino said that the Best Fish, Junior Trophy, is on order, also that the table show medals had been purchased.

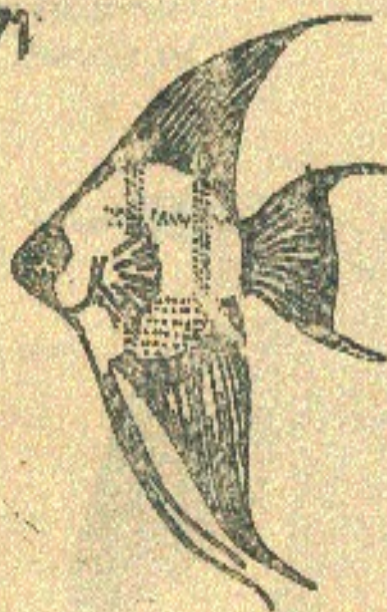
The Secretary said that a 1000 watt bulb had been obtained for £15» (for Epidioscope). He also said that he had sent out invitations for the Wine and Cheese Party on 21st December.

The President said that there were an increasing number of "Funny" Table Shows, and it was agreed to restrict these to special "Humorous Shows".



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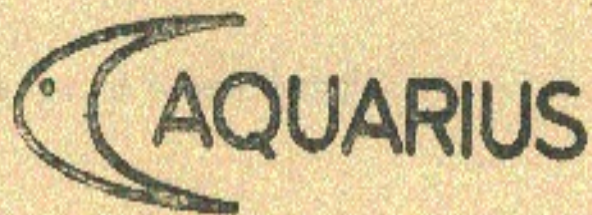
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Treasurer's Report

The balance now held is £224.07. There is also £22 to come from adverts in Journal, and also an improvement in Raffle ticket money. The medal suppliers had donated a trophy and a letter of thanks had been written to them.

A.O.B.

Mrs. Chapman said that only 35 seats on the Petfish Coach had been filled and that the outing would show a loss.

The proposed alterations to the show rules were discussed and it was agreed that :

The fixed Affiliation fee of £6 would be too high for the smaller societies and that the fluctuating system was preferable.

The £4 Affiliation fee suggested by Basingstoke was too low.

The Committee did not agree to the suggested water depths for Plants; being no better than before, and could put some societies off showing plants.

The Committee did agree that the suggested rule regarding fixed plants, i.e. plants which grow attached to stones or wood should be shown so attached

This was the last Meeting of this Committee, as a new Committee will be chosen at the next Club

Meeting,

23rd November 1976

This was the first meeting of the new Committee, held at the President Alan Chapman's house. The new Committee members were welcomed into the Committee by Alan and Dot Chapman. Also their two dogs welcomed us with an aerobatic display - yes, one of their dogs can jump six feet high from a standing start.

Matters Arising

Mr. Smith said he would have a meeting of Open Show helpers at his home on 14th December.

Mr. Durrant said that there were F.B.A.S. booklets on Characins and on common/scientific names on sale for 80p and £1.

When Mr. Finch asked if all the Table Show Trophies had been returned, Mr. Moltino replied that only one, the Saunders Cup, held by Mr. D.D. was missing. It was confirmed that.....

Councillor Mrs. Clarke would be at the Social to present the trophies.

Mr. Spicer asked on the outcome of the query regarding "Funny Table Shows" and the Secretary said that the Members had been asked and that they would like them occasionally.

Treasurer's Report

The balance held is £192.84. It was agreed to sell the 49 badges which had been received at 35p each, giving a profit of about £1.

A.O. B.

The President explained the duties that each Committee member had, and there was a discussion on this..

The point was raised that there was an influx of subs, on Auction nights, as members could not bid if their subs, were not paid up.

Mr. Holliday brought up the subject of publicity, and the P.R.O. said he would try to get a mention on Radio Medway.

The Vicar of St. Clements agreed to let us the hall for the Open Show at £60=

The Library Box came up again, and it was agreed to carry on and get a replacement,- also to ask Club members to return any outstanding books for checking for repairs etc., and that Mr. Wickman would make a list of any still missing.

When the subject of Table Shows came up, it was agreed that as the small room had to be used because of the lack of heating, there was not very much room to manoeuvre, so the Members were asked to take all boxes etc. into the large hall to make things easier.

An Inter-Club meeting was discussed with Dunmow, Witham and Harlow in mind with perhaps a fourth club if possible, It was agreed that Vice President, Secretary and Table Show Secretary attend the next Inter-Club Meeting. (See Page 6)

There was talk of the 1977 Petfish Tableau, and it was agreed to ask members for ideas.

The Secretary asked that Members be reminded that after winning twelve medals they were entitled to a shield to put them on.

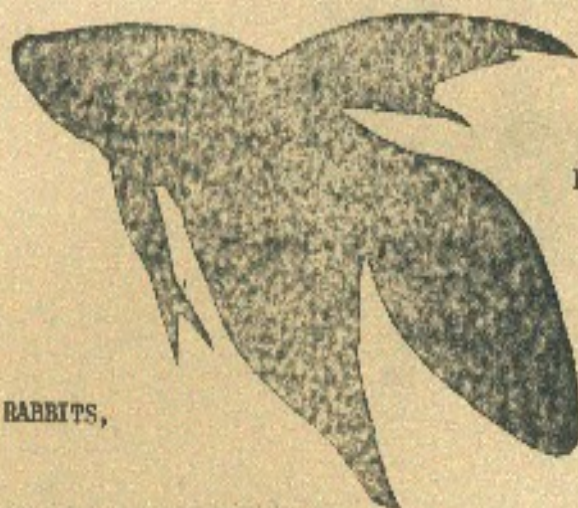
As the "Petfish" sub. had expired, and as only one member borrowed it from the library (likewise with the "Aquarist",) it was agreed not to renew them. He also said that the Challenge.....



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Competition was becoming a Corydoras Competition, as these are longer lived.

Before the Meeting closed Mr. Holliday asked whether there were any ideas about a float for the Southend Carnival.

6th January 1977

Matters Arising

Mr. Smith said that he had written away to Radio Medway for a mention. Mr. Wickman had the design for the Library cards and it was decided to have 500 printed. There are still 5 Library books not yet returned (see Editorial).

As regards the overhead heating in the hall, the Vicar said that the heaters had been removed as they were dangerous.

Secretary asked if Saunders Cup had been returned, and Mr. Moltino said that Mr. D.D. had returned it. It was agreed to order prize cards for the Table Shows after the Open Show.

Mr. Smith had produced a cross-word, and it was agreed to include this in the next issue of the Journal, and to see if the support would warrant putting it in future issues.

Treasurer's Report

The balance now held is £215.86. The Cheese and Wine Party only cost about £51, with £3 or £4 to come for the sale of food and drink after.

About 20 people did not turn up for the Social, but even so it made a profit of £50. Mr. Moltino asked why Socials were run to make a profit, and President said that it helped to keep the subs down.

A. O. B.

The Fry Rearing Competition was discussed, and Secretary said well over 100 fry were required. It was agreed to ask Members if they could provide them.

The Open Show was also discussed; a boiler was needed for heating the water - members were to be asked to help on this.

Mr. Smith brought up designs he had made for Show Trophies. The die would cost about £20 plus up to £50 for 500 centres. The gold or silver stars to go with them would be free. It was agreed to go ahead and order them with the Red Wagtail Platy design.

The Committee was reminded that the Brighton Show is on Sunday 3rd July. F.B.A.S. affiliation fees had been raised to £6 per club. Several smaller clubs had protested at this.

Secretary asked the President to remind members there is a Dow Corning Gun that was available to Members for a deposit of £1.

Regarding Open Show draw tickets: the Secretary had a quote for 6,000 at £17, "but it was decided to order 8000 as last year, and the prizes would be as 1976.

Mr. Chapman has booked the Paddocks, Canvey Island, for dances on 16th April and 26th November, with possibly a band playing.

Suggestions were asiced for the new Programme of meetings. Mr. Holiday said he may be able to organise talks on Cacti and Southend Parks. Mr.Spicer asked whether a movie film of the Open Show was a good idea, but it was felt this would be very expensive. Snails and "Name the Fish" models were suggested as novelties.

Mrs. Foulkes asked about re-clarification of F.B.A.S. sizes and classes. Mr. Finch said that possibly a list could be given regularly in the Journal, also giving the common/scientific names as well. Mr. Holliday suggested putting up a notice board of events etc. in the hall at each meeting. He said he would make one and his offer was accepted.

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club funds. This trophy will be awarded for the most -number of silver stars gained by an entrant (gold stars being a great rarity}

The next magazine will be the Open Show edition. Please help to make it a good one as it will be sold to the public and hopefully bring in a few new members. Any articles will be greatly appreciated; please try to get them in as soon as possible. Any little thing will do, whether it is humorous or purely informative, it all helps to make for a better Journal. I hope you'll start thinking about it.

ED.

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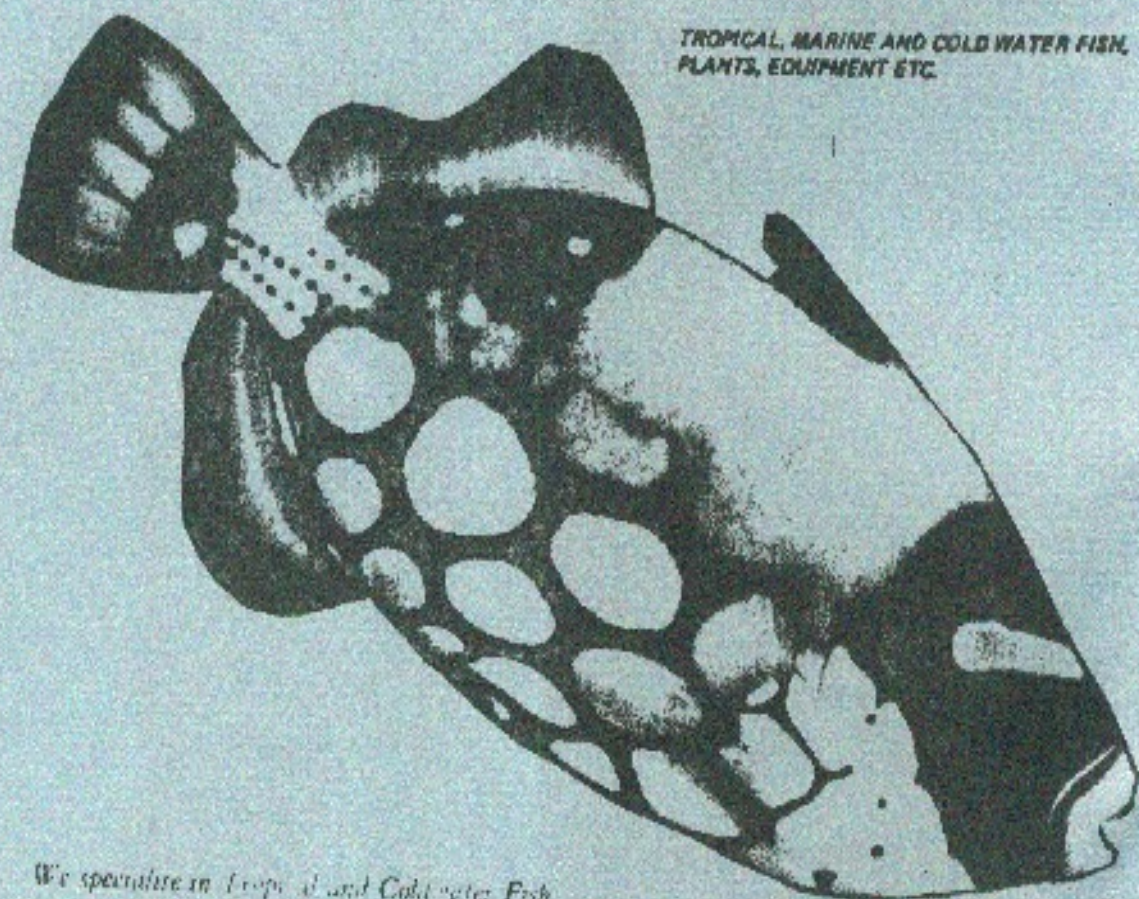
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- May 14th SOUTHEND, L. & D.A.S.
- July 3rd BRIGHTON & SOUTHERN A,S
- Aug. 1st Tonbridge & D.A.S.
- Oct. 28/30th Aquarium Show (Petfish)
- F.B.A.S. Convention on 17th September 1977

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EDITORIAL

Unfortunately this page starts on a sad note. It is with, deep regret that we have to tell of the passing away of two of our fellow aquarists. Mrs. King, who was an active member of our Society, died on Good Friday, after being ill for some time. Our other loss was of Frank Tomkins, past President of the FBAS, who was well known by some of the more senior members of SLADAS. The President and Committee, along with the members of this Society would like to extend their condolences to the families of their two friends.

By the time you are reading this the Show will be well under-weigh - or finished - despite one or two set-backs that we have not had to contend with in other years. One of these is the introduction of pyrethrin into the mains water in the Southend district in the last few days.

Pyrethrin is extracted from the flowers of *Pyrethrin cineraefolium* and as you will probably know is put in the water for the destruction of the tiny worms which breed in the pipelines. This chemical is harmful to fish and in many cases in the past has proved fatal.

This is the second dose of this substance that we have had to contend with in the last few weeks. It is hoped that those of you who are not members of this Society, but have fish tanks or ponds at home had prior warning of this before you changed any of the water. The Water Board sent out notices with the last lot of water rates, asking aquarium owners to ask the Board to inform them of any pending addition to the water supply of pyrethrin. This notice possibly came too late for some people.

Members of SLADAS were informed in time, as letters were sent out to aquatic societies and pet-fish shops etc. before- ordinary households. It was mentioned in the local press, but unfortunately only in the Public Notices column, which many people do not often read.

The first lot of pyrethrin was put in the water in mid April; the second dose was started on TUESDAY 10th MAY and continues to go in until FRIDAY 20th MAY. It is advisable to wait ..another seven days after to ensure all traces of the chemical have disappeared before topping up your tanks and ponds,

The following areas are affected ;
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Welcome all of you to our 1977 Open Show. I hope you enjoy yourselves and win some of our trophies, also our big money prizes.

For those who have never visited our Club, I would like to take this opportunity of giving you a brief outline.

We meet at St. Andrews Hall, Westcliff on the first and third Tuesday in every month at 8.30 p.m. You will find our Public Relations Officer (Andy Smith) will welcome you to our Society. We are a very friendly lot and you will soon be enjoying the chit-chat about your fish etc., We run a free library, also we go on Outings to places like Brighton, for the Brighton Open Show, also we go to the London Zoo, and sometimes we are allowed to go round the back of the tanks in the Aquarium to see the working of pumps, filters etc.

We have two Social Chips for supper. and Dances a year including Chicken & Chips for supper.

At the Club Meetings we have film shows, quizzes, visiting speakers. We also have Inter Club Meetings, which consist of two or three Clubs meeting at one or other Club and showing their fish to see who can get most points.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available during a break during the evening.

We also have table shows, so we are able to bring fish to enter and try to get a prize card. This is not bad for a mere £1.50 for One Year's Subscription, half price for Juniors, so come along to our next meeting 17th May, which is an Auction, where you can buy fish, plants and equipment. We will be pleased to see you.

Finally I would like to wish all of you the best for the 1977 Open Show and thank you to all exhibitors for your support.

A. J, Chapman.

INTERCLUB MEETING AT CORRINGHAM April 13th, 1977.

This was a very enjoyable evening held in the United Services Club at Corringham. We had food laid on for us, and the bar prices were very reasonableo

Unfortunately the speaker for the evening did not turn up, so we were given some quizzes which we had some fun with. We also took a few show cards.

TABLE SHOW N.B, Ed. took these results down in rather a hurry, and there are very likely some mistakes and omissions.

CLASS Ez

AOS LABYRINTHS

1st	S.Cooper,	Cor.	79 points
2nd	B.Meech,	E.L.	76 points
3rd	B.Meech,	E.L.	74. points
4th	M.Waller,	E.L	71; points

CLASS Ea SIAMESE FIGHTERS

1st	B.North, Cor.	74 points
2nd	B.Burrant,SLADAS	71 points
3rd	B.North, Cor.	70 points
4th	P.Miell,SLADAS	67 points

CLASS H

COHYDORAS & BROCHIS

1st	B.North,	Cor.	79 points
2nd	B.Nice,	SLADAS	78½ points
3rd	B.Meech,	E.L	76 points
4th	Mr.& Mrs.Cooper	Cor,	75½ points

CLASS M

AOS EGGLAYERS

1st	J. Carter, Cor.	77½ points
2nd	G.Corbett,	77 points
3rd	T. Waller, E.L	75 points
4th	J. Carter, Cor	72 points

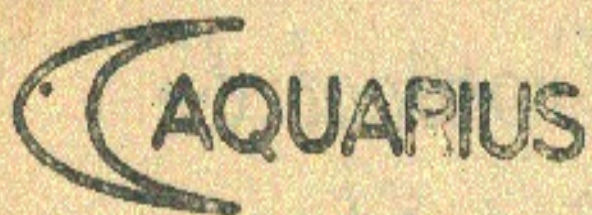
.CLASS G

AOS" CATFISH

1st	K.Adams	SLADAS	77 points	K.Adams	had Best Fish in Show
2nd	B.Thoday	EL	75½ points	Total points to date are :	
3 rd	B. Thoday	EL	76 points	Corringham	1453½ -
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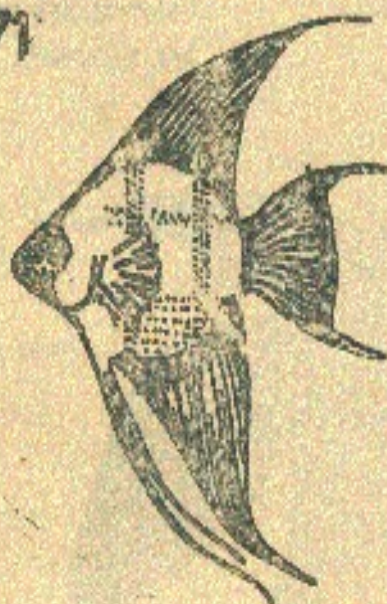
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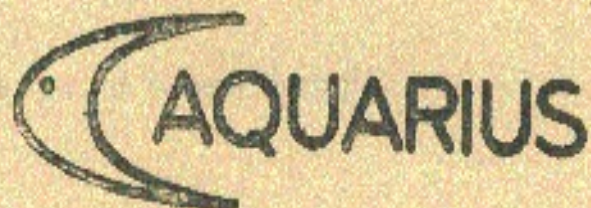
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MEETING 15th March 1977

A slide show with commentary from F.B.A.S. was arranged for this evening; but unfortunately the tape with the commentary on it was not working. None the less it turned out to be quite an interesting evening. The slides were about sea shore life around the coasts of Britain, with a few tropical species of crabs, fish, aneionies etc. thrown in. Dave Cheswright gave his own commentary to fit the slide. Some of it was guesswork, but he did come up with some very interesting points, i.e., did you know that shrimps must have been using ballast before man was ever arrived, let alone started using boats and ships. It seems the creatures, when they are still quite small pick up bits of sand and put them in their heads to preserve their balance! That was just one small point of interest.

TABLE SHOW**CLASS L – LOACHES** 11 entries

1st P. Faulkes	Kuhli	78 points
2nd D. Durrant	Kuhli	74 points
3rd D. Durrant	Kuhli	73 points
4th K. Adams	Kuhli	70 points

CLASS Ly - JUNIORS

S. Spicer	Kuhli	68 points
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Judge A. SMITH

CLASS R - PLATYS 5 entries

1st P. Faulks	Platy	74 points
2nd P. Faulks	Platy	71 points
3rd P. Faulks	Platy	63 points
4th Miss Louis	Platy	62 points

CLASS R.y - JUNIORS

S. Spicer	Spangled Platy	67 points
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Judge D. HOLLIDAY

RAFFLE WINNERS

Mrs. Annette Smith	Glass Mug
J. Wylie	Egg Cups
Mrs. Wood	Photo Album
Mrs. Lou Faulks	Jubilee Tray
K. Dyke	Plants

MEETING 5th April 1977

Membership cards, which also double as Library cards, were given out on this night. Don't forget - without these cards you cannot take out a library book.

The introduction of pyrethrin into the local mains water was announced; 12th - 22nd April and 10th - 22nd May, plus a week for safety in each case.

Ron Dodkins and Mike Pearson gave a fascinating talk and slide show on the keeping and breeding of discus. The slides showed the setting up of tanks etc. for breeding, and gave close-ups of the discus fry clinging to their parents, taking nourishment from their skin. They also showed how if the fry are taken from their parents prematurely, they will not even grow half as fast as their brothers and sisters who are allowed to develop naturally.

After this Ron and Mike presented Steve Spicer with a plaque for winning twelve firsts for all species of fish at table shows.

TABLE SHOW

MINI TANKS

1st	D. North	88 points
2nd	D. Durrant	84 points
3rd	C. Cheswright	81 points
4 th	D. Worth	78 points

MINI TANKS - JUNIORS

1st	S. Spicer	82 points
2nd	S. Spicer	74 points
3 rd	S. Spicer	73 points

Judge D. FINCH

RAFFLE WINNERS

Mrs. Dot Chapman	Coat of Arms
D. Nice	Ice Box
R. Bloss	Picture of the Queen
Mrs. Loui Foulks	Picture of the Queen

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MEETING 19th April 1977

Dave Cheswright gave a talk on ponds. He spoke about the different types of pond from the old kitchen sink type stick in the rockery to the modern and very strong Butyl ones. He said that the shallow, blue coloured ones often seen for sale in the shops are not very good as there is not enough depth and when they are frozen over the poisonous gasses are trapped in a narrow space between the ice and the muck in the bottom

Concrete ponds are very good, but are laborious to make, needing wooden shuttering and a hole a good deal bigger than the pond will be. Bricks and building blocks are also good, needing two coats of rendering. These renderings must each be done in one go as if they were done in sections, they would leak at the joins.

Dave also spoke about plants; saying that it is better to obtain a catalogue from a nursery than to buy them haphazardly, as the different types of plants and lilies require different depths of water and may not be suited to your particular pond.

When cleaning out ponds (Autumn being the best time) temporary accommodation for the fish, especially if they are big, is sometimes a problem. The most convenient place to keep them is in the bath - after giving it a good rinse out of course; and using the water from the pond. Lilies do not like to be in running water, so be careful where you position your foundations and waterfalls.

After this, Derek Durrant gave a talk on showing fish. He explained how the fish were judged out of 20 points each for size, body, colour, finnage and deportment.

The size of the fish is measured without the tail, a half size fish gaining about 7 points. There are no size points for coldwater fish.

Derek then spoke about the letters relating to classes e.g. N stands for pairs; B stands for barbs and M for any other species of egglayer. There is a directory of common/scientific names brought out by Tonbridge A.S.

He went on to say to make sure that the tank is big enough for the fish and that the base of the tank is best painted black. This is not always the case however, as a red Siamese fighter does not need a black base, but it shows off the colours of a blue fighter best.

A show tank is allowed ½" of gravel in the bottom, but this is at the option of the club holding the open show; and it must be shown on the show schedule. There is no maximum size for show tanks, although the fish must look comfortable, but there is a minimum size of 4" x 4".

TABLE SHOW

CLASS G - TROPICAL CATFISH 8 entries

1 st	D.North	Poecilis	76 pfes
2 nd	A.Smith	Whip Tail	71 "
3 rd	A.Smith	C. Callithys	70 "
4 th	K.Sheehan	Pim`.Pictus	69 "

Judge D. DURRANT

CLASS Gy - JUNIORS 3 entries

1 st	S. Spicer	Pim`. Pictus
2 nd	Jo Barton	Banjo Cat
3 rd	Jo Barton	Bumblebee Cat

Judge D. FINCH

CLASS Nbm - PAIRS EGGLAYERS 12 entries

1 st	C Cheswright	Chequers	76
2 nd	C Cheswright	Rasbora Urophthacma	75
3 rd	D. North	Epiplatys Dageti	74½
4 th	S. Elven	Blue Acara	74

Judge D. DURRANT

CLASS Nbmy - JUNIORS

S, Spicer	Black Widow	68
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Judge D. FINCH

SNAILS

1 st	D North
2 nd	R Niel
3 rd	D. Durrant
4 th	D, North

Judges MRS.D.CHAPMAN & MRS.L.FAULKS

RAFFLE WINNERS

D. Cudby	Kenray Filter
Mrs. R. Elven	Air Pump
S. Spicer	.Book on Plants
Mrs. Woods	Nets

OPEN SHOW REPORTS.

D.M. Cheswright,

The 1977 Open Show programme has started and it may be of interest to visitors to our Show and to our present members to hear of Southend's successes or otherwise at other Shows. Each Show is different in layout, type of Hall, classes to be entered, trophies to be won and the general running of the Show and facilities available. Whilst many of the exhibitors are "regulars" attending many Shows there are always some strangers to the Show scene and, of course, each Show is usually well supported by the sponsors' own members who may not go to other Shows. It must also be remembered that fish do not always win awards at a Show just because they did so a week before at some other place; they are affected by the lighting in the hall, the temperature and the background to the staging which can be anything from nothing to various colours of plastic sheeting, normal colours used being black or blue. Of at least equal importance is the condition of a fish at the time of judging — colour and deportment can change in a very short time and what might look like a prize-winner when benched may not be highly pointed when judged an hour or more later. Some fish seem to enjoy being on the bench and they can get used to this by being regularly transported about and shown. There are Open Shows almost every weekend from April to October in some part of the country. They are held on Saturdays or Sundays and, quite often there are 2 or 3 in one weekend. We at Southend do not take showing that far but several of us do attend those within a reasonable distance, particularly when they are run by other Societies with whom we associate during the Year with Inter-club meetings, etc.

There is a list of Open Shows elsewhere in this issue. If any members want further details please contact me or one of the other enthusiasts mentioned below. The judging is undertaken by F.B.A.S. approved judges under F.B.A.S. rules in order to have some consistency in judging up and down the country. Details of Show Rules and pointing systems for judging are also available from our Society library.

On 27th March, Steve Spicer, myself and Chris Cheswright entered at READING and D.A.S. Show. It was a journey of about 100 miles — the furthest we have ever ventured — and we were up at about 5 am in order to catch fish. It was a cold, wet day and we wondered whilst travelling why we were going with a Car full of Boxes, Buckets and Tanks; the fish and humans being fitted in in the small space left. There was very good support at the Show, particularly in the Coldwater classes and Livebearers, many of the coldwater entries came from Wales. On arrival we found we had been beaten on the journey by Bob Smith and Dave North (members of Southend and also Corringham Societies who always.....

enter as Corringham as they know that we go to show the Southend flag). The only snags at the Show were the lack of hot water; a queue developed; and lack of space for getting tanks ready for benching as the Hall was quite small. Having sampled the local brew and driven about in the rain we returned after judging to find that we could not get into the Hall for people. The Show I had been advertised in the local press and, in spite of the rain the general public turned up in force. Reading already had about 50 members and I imagine they gained a few more that day. The standard of fish was high and we only won 2 3rd & 1 2nd prize. Dave North & Bob Smith, however, managed two 1sts, one 2nd and one 3rd. De-benching was before prize-giving which is unusual and prize-giving was for 1sts only, cards for 2, 3 and 4th, places having been left on the tanks for collection - not a good idea as the ink runs when the cards get wet.

We were more successful at WALTHAMSTOW & D.A.S. Show on 17th April. The same three attended plus Steve's mother and Pett Tolmie. Entries were low at about 320, but the standard was good and the sun was shining. With only a 40 minute journey from Wickford getting-up time was not until 7 a.m. This was a good thing in view of a late night after the Southend Dance on the previous evening. I hear that Dave and Bob did not get home until 3 a.m. Mr. Derek Durrant was there as a Judge; the only advantage of being one is that you do not have to get to a Show as early as the entrants. The Show was well laid-out, with plenty of space and hot water. Everything appeared to go smoothly and our Fish seemed to be happier than at Reading; probably because of the shorter journey and warmer weather. Steve Spicer put up an Aquascape which appeared to contain Moss, etc. collected in the rain outside Reading; this fact was afterwards confirmed - he won a 1st with this so the rain at Reading was not wasted. In total we picked up five 1sts, three 2nds, one 3rd and one 4th. What a difference from the previous effort. Dave and Bob.. also did well, I have lost the details. Perhaps if they enter as Southend in future I will remember them. Had their and our points been added we would have come back with the Trophy for the highest pointed Society which was won, I understand, by East London with Orpington 2nd. (No offence meant to Bob and Dave). Instead of the usual trophies the 1st and 2nd prizes were book tokens and the 3rds were china mugs with fish thereon; there were, in addition, the usual Perpetual trophies. This was a very successful and enjoyable day and we were back home by 7.30 p.m.

THE KILLER –SEE EDITORIAL

On 24th April was the REIGATE & REDHILL A.S. Show at Bletchingley Village Hall. This time Dave and Bob entered as Southend and we came 3rd to Brighton and Orpington for the highest pointed Society Trophy. This time, apart from yours truly, Chris, and Steve Spicer, Ron and Louise Faulks were there, all with entries. , It took 1¼ hours for the 45 mile journey and the weather was quite good. There was plenty of room in the Hall and benching was mainly backed with black polythene; some entries however were on low tables making it difficult to view. It was Ron and Louise's first Show - congratulations on picking up two Prize Cards. The cards taken by Southend were 5, 1st s, 5, 2nd s, 2, 3rd s and 5, 4th s., a total of 44 points. During judging we visited a local fish "farm" - a good selection of tropical and coldwater fish in what seemed like hundreds of tanks, but prices were high and no purchases were made. Stopping on the way back to the Show resulted in Steve making his usual clamber into the woods looking for Aquascape materials. The only mishap to an enjoyable day was the loss the next day by me of 2 - two spots and 1 Gambusia livebearers. During the Show these had not looked at all good and the only reason I can think of was the partial use in tanks of the local water - we always try to take enough of our own but unfortunately ran out this time. The local water, I imagine, is very hard and chalky, the latter possibly being the reason as livebearers do not usually mind hardness.. This is another point to bear in mind when going to Open Shows.

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To get back to the difficulties encountered in putting on our Open Show. Apart from all the normal ones of organising trophies, benching for the fish, paper work, advertising, running the canteen, making out show schedules and generally preparing the hall for the Show, we also have had the added difficulty of providing heated, pyrethrin-free water for the exhibitors to top up their tanks. The Water Board agreed to provide, free of charge, a tanker of fresh water from another area. This is all the water we are able to use apart from that which the exhibitors have brought with them from their own areas.

Anyway, with a bit of luck we will have sorted out these problems and hope that you are enjoying, or have enjoyed (as the case may be) the Show. If you are not already a fish-keeper, perhaps after walking round the Show, you will possibly want to find out more about this most interesting hobby; or, if you do have fishy yet do not belong to a club, you might wish to expand your knowledge of them and join a society. What better than SLADAS.

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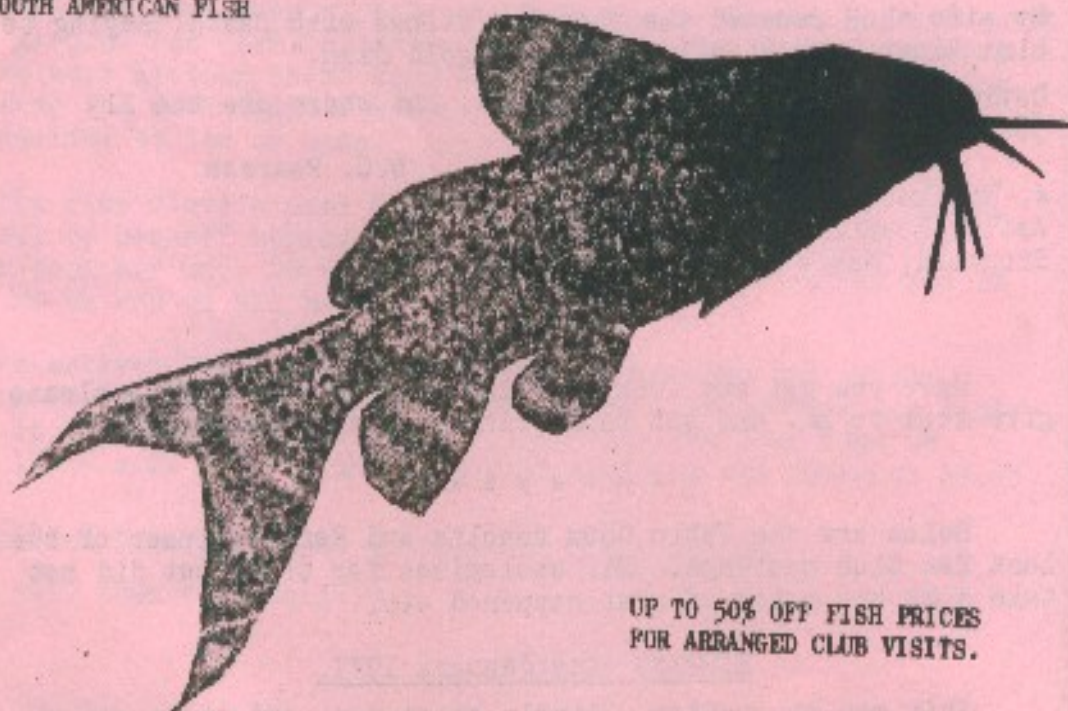
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

25th January 1977.

Matters Arising

Mr. Holliday said that his father would be able to borrow the Southend Parks slides to give a lecture on them.

Mrs. Chapman said that the coach for the Brighton outing had been quoted at £80 for a 53 seater. This was considered to be too expensive and it was agreed to look for a cheaper quote. Mr. Currant suggested that the Club subsidise the trip, but it was pointed out by Mr. Smith that at that price, going by car would be cheaper.

Mr. Wickman said that the five missing Library books had still not been returned.

The Secretary said that there had been no offers as yet for fry for the fry rearing competition.

Treasurer's Report

The balance held is £227.17. A donation of £5 was received from Hon.Member, Mr.M.Willis.

The President said that the raffle monies were becoming low, and it was agreed to sell tickets before the meetings as well as in the tea break.

A.O. B.

As regards the home furnished tanks and pond competitions, it was agreed to judge the ponds in June, when the plants should be growing well, and the tanks in June and September. On the rule sheet, the words "as per F.B.A.S, Rules" appear. As there are no F.B.A.S. rules on home furnished aquaria, these words will be deleted from the SIADAS rule sheet. On the point of artificial galleons etc., this matter will be left to the discretion of the judges as to whether they fit into the set-up of the aquarium, as some people like to include them in their tanks.

SHOWS FOR 1977
3rd July Brighton & Southern A.S 1st August TINBRIDGE & D.A.S 28th -30th OCTOBER PETFISH SHOW F.B.A.S. CONVENTION 17th SEPTEMBER

22nd February 1977

Matters Arising

Mr. Durrant asked if the group had been booked for the early 1978 Social. The President said that we were unable to book the group until a hall was booked and we had a date.

A quote had been received for £60 for the Brighton trip and had been secured with a £5 deposit. The cost had been estimated at £1.50 for adults and 75p for children; so far the response had not been very good.

AS regards the selling of raffle tickets at meetings the response to those had been much better since they were being sold early in the evening as well as at tea break.

The President asked why it was that three people judged the home furnished aquaria and only two the pond competition. It was said that when the pond competition first came into being two people judged and another took photographs. There was no reason why three people should not judge the ponds.

AS stated at the last meeting, ornaments in furnished aquaria need not be removed, but it will be up to the judge's discretion as to whether they fit into the general set up of the aquarium and they will point accordingly. Mr. Holliday offered to take photographs of the ponds when they are judged.

Treasurer's Report

The balance now standing is £212.92. The Treasurer said so far he had only 51 subs, in and it was agreed to check with Mr. Smith as to how many members there were.

A. O. B.

The Open Show schedules had been O.K.'s by F.B.A.S.; we have only one more advert, to come and then go ahead with printing them.

Mr. Smith said that 90 feet of shelving with four supports were needed to make the staging for the Open Show trophies.

Mr. Durrant thanked Mr. Holliday for helping him out with the judging.

Editor said he wanted more copy for the magazine (doesn't he always!)

Mr. Spicer was due for a shield to put his 12 medals on and Mr. Finch suggested that a visiting speaker be asked to present it to him

29th March 1977.

Matters Arising

The Secretary said that it had been announced at the previous meeting that Pete Cottle was due to give a talk on 1st March and a tape/slide show had been booked "for late last year for 15th March. Mr. Spicer said that the library/membership cards were now ready to be handed out at the next club meeting.

So far only 22 seats have been booked on the coach to Brighton on 3rd July

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Treasurer's Report

Balance now held £175.58. Not many subs, had come in during the last month, and the rent for the St. Andrews Church Hall will go up by £4 per night as from 1st April.

A.O.B.

A vote was taken on whether or not the snails table show was to contain only living snails - not dead ones? plastic ones or any other sort. It was decided by seven votes to three with one abstention that all snails must be alive.

Reference was made to the cancelled talk and the useless F.BoA. So tape at the last two Club meetings. It was agreed to try to keep a talk or programme in hand in case of any more unforeseen circumstances like this.

SPOT THE FISH

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S.J. ELYEN

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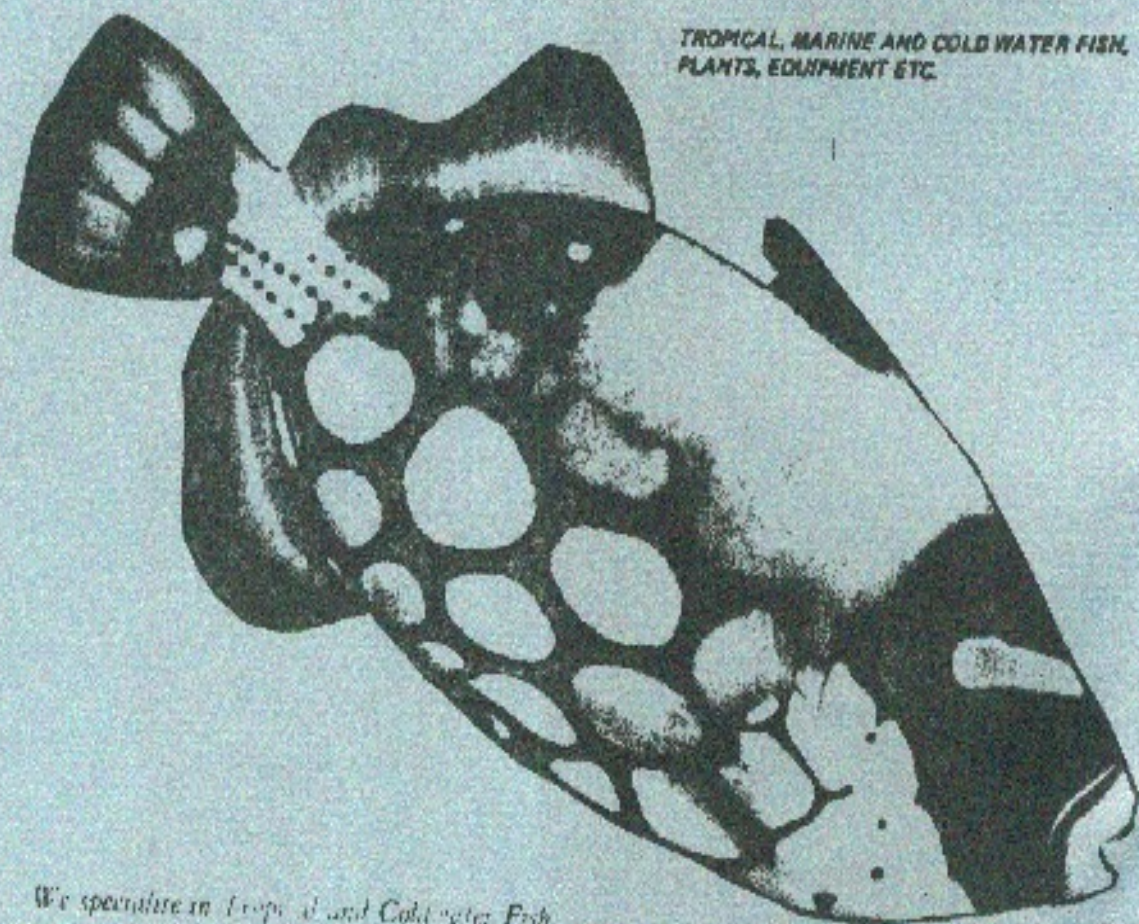
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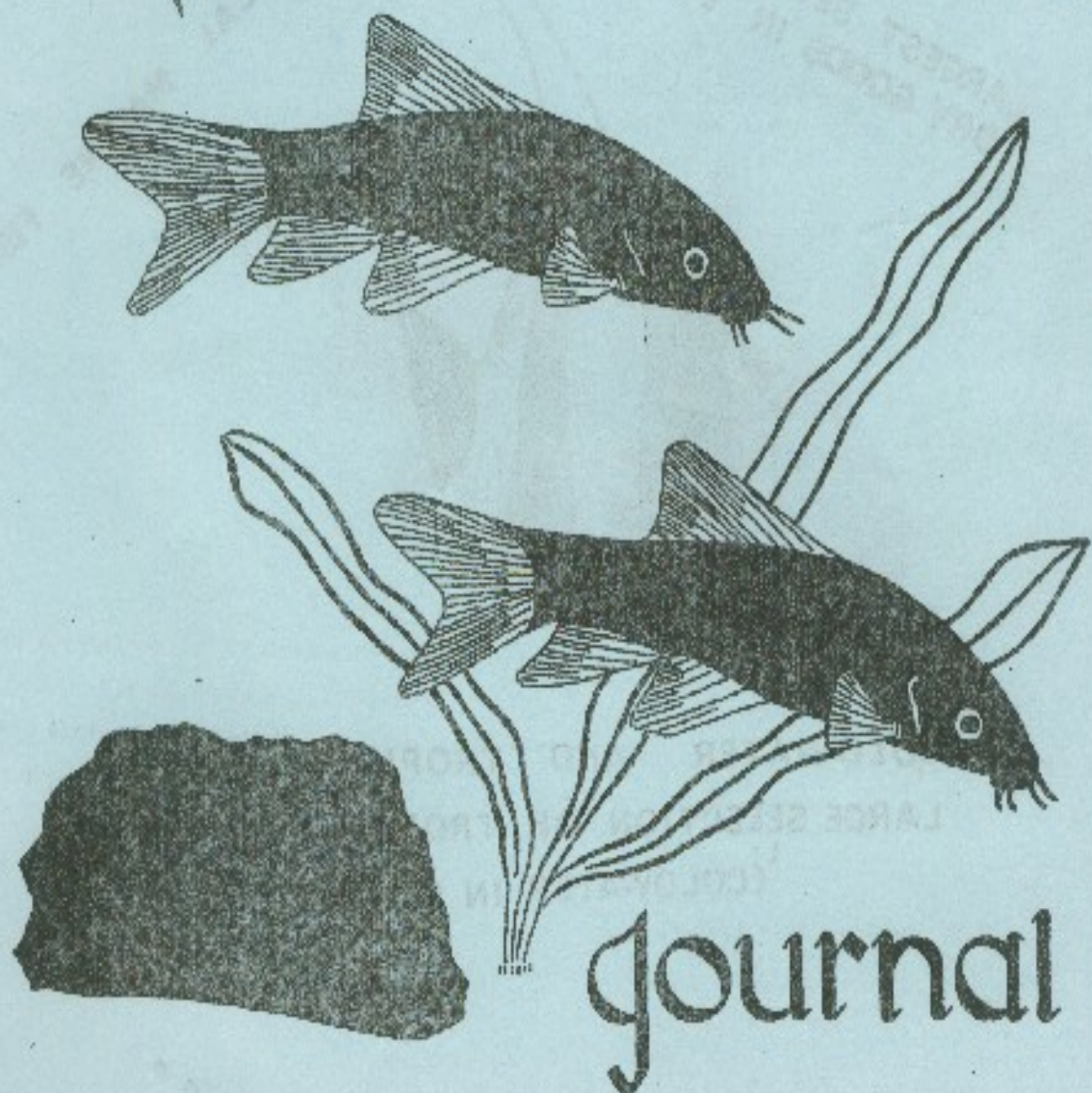
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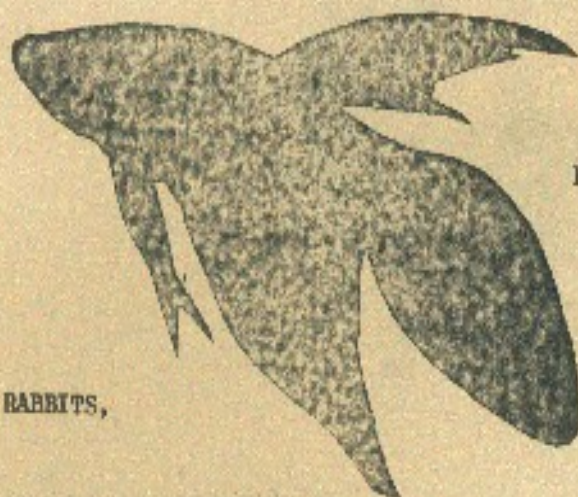
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EDITORIAL

It is again with sadness that this issue of the Journal has to start with the shock that Peter Miell, our Editor since November, 1976, has passed away. He was only 32 years old and died from a Heart attack only a few days after his Birthday whilst on holiday in Scotland. The President and Committee and all members extend their sympathy to Peter's Mother and family and friends. Peter was a hard-working Committee member who volunteered for the job of Editor,

The Open Show in May went off as a great success- a small financial loss was incurred but this is little to pay for such a successful day. Thanks are due to Andy Smith, Show Secretary, and to all his helpers, and to the Judges and aquarists who came from far and wide to support the Show. Also thanks are due to The Mayor of Southend and his Lady Mayoress who presented the Prizes. We had a supply of water delivered as Pyrethrin was in the mains at the time and, after having it changed, the supply was reasonably clean. Hot water had to be supplied from a bath heated with Calor Gas.

You will note emphasis in the Meeting Reports on the fact that we are suffering from a lack of Table Show entries, particularly from Juniors, Also attendance by junior Members seems to have fallen right off. Does anyone know why?? There are medals to be won at most Table Shows, and if, not, trophies at the end of the Year. New members and beginners must not be put off entering by the fact that certain regular people seem to take the cards. this is mainly because they are the ONLY ONES who are bringing entries, Most Members have at least 1 Aquarium with a variety of species so why not get your nets working and bring 1 or 2 entries along,

Temporary Editor,

Dave Cheswright.

AMMENDMENT TO OPEN SHOW DATE.

Ealing & D.A.S. is on 15th October, **NOT** 2nd October.

SUPER PLATY ?

I had heard that among some of the more hardy of fish popular with the petfish keeper is the Platy. I did not realise just how much this was until a few weeks ago, when I had a pair breed (I don't know who the father was) and unwittingly maltreated one of their offspring. When I realised that the female was going to drop her young I removed her to a separate tank. Unfortunately I realised her condition too soon, and after waiting some weeks she eventually had two young ones. As I was in a rush to get to work on the morning of the happy event, I just left her, hoping that she would not fancy fresh fish for dinner.

When I came home that night I could see nothing of the new arrivals. Thinking that was that and having a pair of fighters ready for breeding I removed the platy, syphoned out all but a quarter inch of water; I then poured cold water straight out of the tap at about 48°F and full of Chlorine, (a drop of 30°F) into the tank. (Some of you might think this a rather cursory cleanout of a breeding tank),

A few days later when I was about to introduce the fighters I saw to my astonishment a very small pale variegated platy. After rubbing my eyes it was still there. It had escaped getting sucked out down the drain, freezing? being chlorinated, and starving to death. He went into a mini-tank, floating in the fighters' breeding tank. Although I tried to look after the fighters when they came along they all died, but the little platy is still doing well in the community tank.

I don't think he will ever be a monster; possibly the cold water treatment stunted his growth, but I think it will take quite a lot to put him down - by the way he is one of Dave Holliday's strain.

Speaking of monsters, we have in our catfish tank a fish which we have named "The Monster" although it is now only one of the average sized fish in that aquarium. I bought this fish at a club auction about two years ago. I think he is some kind of melanistus, but I'm not sure. As he had a very large mouth I put him in a tank on his own for a few weeks until I had got a permanent catfish tank set up. Anyway he never seemed to move very much and one day I found him draped over some of the plastic plants floating in the top of the tank. After giving him a prod with the finger, then another one; then a shake, I eventually decided that he was dead. I carried him down the stairs and out into the garden intending to get a shovel and bury him. Looking down at him again I saw very small palpitations around the gills. After a few seconds his tail began to twitch. Rushing upstairs again I dropped him back into.....

his tank and immediately he began wizzing up and down the tank like a mad thing.

This happened twice more over the next few weeks and each time he looked completely dead. Anyway he was put in the catfish tank with the other catfish, but his troubles were not over. I have put down among the rocks pieces of plastic drainpipe which have been bent and distorted over the gas to make them more natural looking. They were then covered with Dow Corning and gravel which finishes them off and hopefully makes them appear more natural.

This "Monster" had ensconced himself inside one of these twisty pipes and we had not seen him out of it for several weeks. Becoming worried that he might be starving himself to death by having got himself stuck and not being able to escape from his home, I decided one midnight to do something about it. Taking catfish and tube into the garage I put him into the vice and began sawing pieces off the ends of the pipe, trying not to cut off any fins or whiskers. After cutting off some of it I took him back to the tank and tried to shake him out (which I had already tried), I tried poking him out with a finger which was promptly bitten — back to the vice! After over an hour of alternately sawing and shaking and poking I eventually turfed him out. After a few days he found a home in another piece of pipe from which he didn't seem to emerge for many weeks.

Thinking him stuck again I took him by surprise and up-ended him straight out of the pipe - so he wasn't stuck after all. I have a feeling that he was kidding me along all the time,

P. Miell.

OPEN SHOW REPORT

D. Cheswright.

Dave North and Bob Smith, were the only two members to go to SUDBURY A.S.. Show on 12th June. They had a successful day and took four 1st s, three 2nd s and two 3rd s. One of Dave's wins was the F.B.A.S. Trophy for Class P, Female Guppies.

We had a good attendance at DUNMOW A.Sc Show on 19th June. Dunmow is only 12 miles out of Chelmsford and we did not have to get up too early. This was .their 5th Open Show and entries were slightly up on 1976. The lay-out was similar to our own Show with black polythene as a backing for Tanks. Facilities are always very good, with ample space and hot water. Apart from myself and Chris Cheswright, Southend was represented by Steve Spicer, Peter Tolmie, Bob Smith and Dave North. Benching closed at 11 a.m. and we had about 5 hours to kill. The weather was dull and cold and we decided to find one of the Shops advertised in the Schedule. This took us about 2 hours, with stop for refreshments, and, when found, was not really worth the trip — the shop had only been open a couple of weeks and had not got going as far as Fish stocks were concerned. A suggestion that we visit Audley End (a Stately Home) was then taken up and a further 20 odd miles motored. We arrived there with only about an hour- to look round, whereas at least half a day would have been about right. After a drive back and an argument on the way with a Petrol pump attendant we arrived ½ hour before Prize giving. It turned out to be all worth while as the total Prizes-won between us were :-

6, 1st s, 2, 2nd s, 5, 3rd s and 7, 4th s. We also took trophies for the Best Characin and Best Coldwater and Top Club Points, Saracens coming 2nd and Orpington, 3rd . Believe it or not Bob and myself also won Raffle prizes. The first prize Trophies were wooden "Dumnow Fish". Rosettes were also awarded but were "in transit" from the Post Office and believed "stationary" by British Railways. 2nd and 3rd prizes were wooden shields, with the "Southend Angel", made by our President, Alan. 4th s were ribbons, also in transit.

A few fish were noticed with very slight mouth fungus. This seems to be an increasing problem for some unknown reason and it appears also on fish at homes of many Aquarists when fish are moved from one tank to another. Those most likely to catch it seem to be Barbs and Live-bearers. It does not seem to harm the fishes and disappears very quickly. Any information on this would be appreciated. (Please write to Editor).

Everyone enjoyed the coach trip to Brighton on 3rd July. It was about the first really hot sunny day this year and the coach arrived at the BRIGHTON & SOUTHERN A.S. Show at about 10.45, having left Southend at 7.30 'a.m. Those entering fish were deposited and the coach then went on to Brighton pier. The Show was well laid out with plenty of space; Coldwater were in a separate room.

Apparently total entries were well down on 1976 and many were brought in on the day. There were fish for sale, a Draw and money-raising stalls. Everyone went their separate ways during the day and members had a look round the show on returning in the coach at about 5.30. Members entering were myself, Chris Cheswright, Derek Durrant, Ron Davis, Steve Spicer, Bob Smith, T. Irving and G.Dyer. A total of 15 prize cards were won and we were 2nd to Orpington in the Club points total with 32 against their 37 with Strood and Hounslow joint 3rd with 23.

The journey home was a hot one but traffic was not too bad. We stopped on the way for liquid refreshments, seafood, strawberries, etc., and arrived back just after 10 p.m. It was surprising that the fish in the boot of the coach did not suffer from the heat. Mine were far cooler than the tanks in my shed which had gone up to the high 80'sF.

OPEN SHOW DATES- 1977

- (1) July 30/31st **Tottenham & D.A.S.** at Alexandra Palace, Part of Haringey Show - plus caged Birds, Poultry, Horticulture, Show-Jumping, etc.
- (2) Sept. 10th **Hounslow A.S,**
- (3) Sept 10th **Kingston A.S,**
- (4) Sept 11th **Harlow A.S**
- (5) Sept 18th **Hastings & St. Leonards A.S.**
- (6) Oct 2nd **Ealing & D.A.S.**
- (7) Oct 3rd **Newbury & D.A.S.** (Berkshire)
- (8) Oct 15th **East London A. & P.A.S.** Breeders
- (9) Oct 28/30th **East London A & P A.S.**

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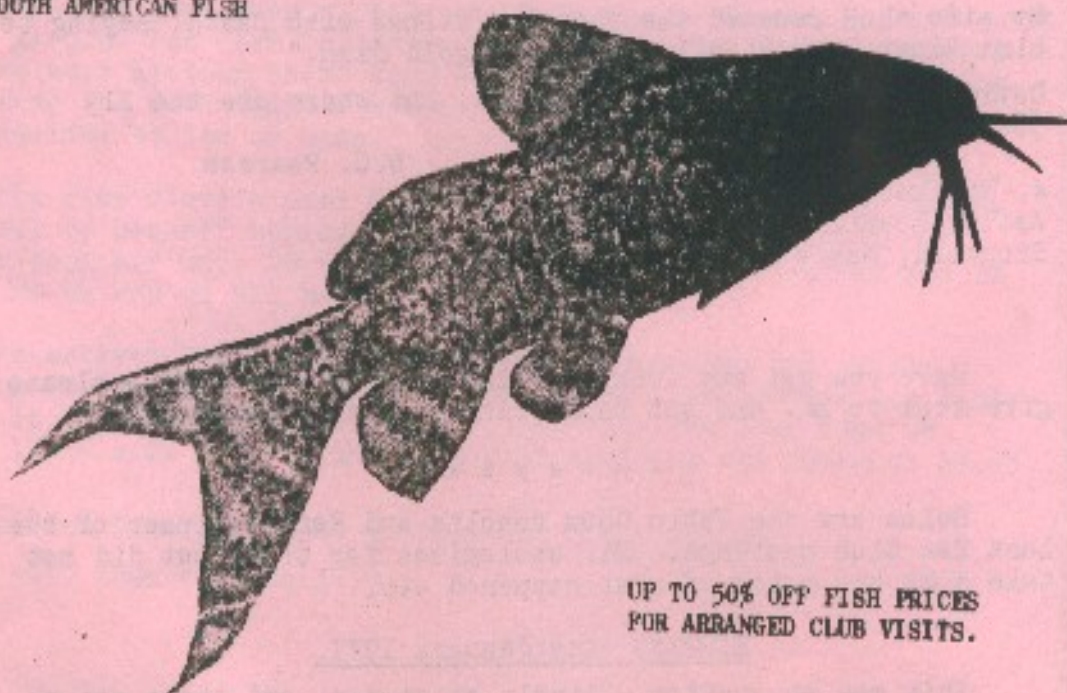
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EXCHANGE MAGAZINES.

We used to have a review in the Journal of Club Magazines received in exchange for our own Journal, which is sent to many places world-wide.

If there is a member, willing to read through these in the future and write a page or so drawing members attention to interesting Articles, please let our Secretary, Dave Cheswright, know.

After being reviewed these journals are put in the Library and can be borrowed by members. Issues in hand are now in the Library and you can see by the list below that they cover a wide and useful purpose.

1). **"Xiphophorus" Winnepeg Aquarium Society.**

Jan, Feb, April May & June issues, these contain Articles on Plants, plecostomus Catfish, Snails, Livebearers, Anemones, "HOW TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR YOUR JOURNAL" (Members please note - Ed), and many other subjects.

2). **"Splash" , Milwaukee A.S.**

Dec, 1976 and April and May, 1977. issues. Details of their Show Rules, treasurers reports, etc are included as well as Articles, among others, on Salt water, Tetras and Goldfish,

3). **"Colorado Aquarist"** April., May and June, 1977.

Articles on, Showing, Reed fish, Genetics, Breeding catfish, Breeding Toothcarps plus ; many others.

P.S. Other Exchange Magazines in the Library are :-

"Fish Forum"- from Basingstoke A.S.

Monthly Bulletin from **Hamilton & D. A.S. Canada,**
East London A, & P. A.S. Monthly Bulletin.

Lament on Table Shows - Anonymous.

Oh where oh where have the entries gone
there seem to be so few??
Oh why can't we have a lot again
instead of just a few?
Oh where oh where are the members fish
and plants and tanks and snails??
Our table show Sec. is tearing his hair
and will soon go off the rails,
So bring your entries everyone
to try to stop his moan
This will give him more to do
and make the tables groan.

CACTI & SUCCULENTS

By D. Holliday

I was first introduced to Cacti in about 1948, whilst keeping-tropical fish, and a member of this Club.

When I gave up my collection about 3 years ago, I had some 400 plants, of which about 60% flowered.

A lot of you will say what is the use of keeping them Well, you may say this about any hobby, and I can only suggest you give it a try.

There are over 9,000 different cacti and succulents, many of these suitable for window cill cultivation.

Quite a number of people grow them in bowl gardens. I don't like this. I prefer them in single pots. The reason for this is that some plants grow quicker, some taller, and some require more water than others. They will do far better in a greenhouse.

Here are a few suggestions -iPlants to start off with -

Epiphyllums	Noto cactus
Mammillaria	Lobivia
Rebutia	Crassula
Mesembryanthemum	Echeverias

Most plants require a good porous soil.. To this I add some bone meal This makes good fibrous roots.

In the bottom of the pots use plenty of broken crock, and if possible some very fine brick rubble. On top of this some fine charcoal, then the compost. Make a hollow in the soil and place the plant in the centre. (Before you put the plant in make sure as much of the old soil is removed from the roots as possible). Then gradually push the soil in round the roots making sure the soil is firm, but not hard.

Don't have the compost too wet, but just damp. A simple test for this is to take a handful of the compost and squeeze it. On opening your hand it should stay in a nice ball and not make your hand all sticky.

Don't water for two or three days. This gives the roots time to heal if they have been damaged at all.

Watering

Most plants like plenty of water during the hot weather.

I usually start about April and go on to some time in October. This is only a rough guide, as some of the plants can be growing in the winter, - these will then require water. Others may not be growing during the summer, so water will have to be withheld.

Watering can be quite a problem if you have 400 plants like I had, but if you have only a few, say 10, then it is very easy.

Stand the pots in a large container and fill with water till about 3/4 the way up the pots, leave until the soil on top is wet, then remove the pots and leave to drain. This method ensures that all the soil is soaked.

Don't water until the soil has dried out. This lessens the risk of the plants rotting at the base.

As I said, start in April with a small amount of water and increase amount till about mid August, then gradually decrease until watering stops round about October.

Some plants like plenty of water, others very little, whilst some like a fine warm spray.

Diseases

Healthy plants are a must as in fish keeping. The main trouble is Mealy Bug or Root Bug.

Tiny, greyish-white oval creatures like miniature wood lice approximately 2 mm long, wax covered, usually accompanied with white wooly tufts concealing eggs.

Above ground; Pick off and squash or paint on or spray with 1 part nicotine to 30 - 40 parts methylated spirits. THIS IS VERY POISONOUS.

Below ground; Scrub roots well. In severe cases cut off roots and re-root. A good prevention is to rub some (wait for it) PARADICHLOROBENZENE round the inside of the Pot.

Eel Worm (Nematode) 1 - 2 mm swellings on the roots. Remedy - cut off roots and burn. Treat plants as cuttings and re-root.

Slugs, snails and woodlice find their way into any glasshouse and appreciate cool moist corners; general hygiene and removal of litter and dead leaves will discourage their attentions. Aphids (black fly, green fly) will go for any tender new growth - but are susceptible to most insecticides such as nicotine and derris.

In the next issue I will go into some of the problems you may encounter, propagation, and where to obtain your cacti.

TABLE SHOW POINTS

FROM 1st November, 1976, TO 16th August, 1977.

Note oints for classes J and T on 2nd August, 1977 to be added,

list is a guide only as the total points will be checked by Table Show Secretary for award of Trophies for Year ended 31st October, 1977.

Seniors.

D.Cheswright	60	K.Sheehan	5
C.Cheswright	49	A. Smith	5
D. North	27	S.Elven	4
D.Durrant	23	K.Collins	4
R. Smith	18	J.Wylie	3
R.Wylie	16	D.Nice	3
P.Faulks	15	R.Faulks	2
Mrs. Wood	15	G.Wickman	2
T. Irving	14	P.Tolmie	2
K.Adams	13	K.Dyke	2
D.Holliday	12	R.Neale	1
J.Wimbush	11	P.Miell	1
G.Dyer	10	T.Blackmore	1
Mrs. L.Faulks	6		
A.Moltino	5		
R.Davis	5		

Nice to see some ladies in the list.

Juniors.

S.Spicer	117
J.Barton	7
G.King	2
R.Mott	1

Junior members can take consolation from the fact that our Steve Spicer will be in the Senior list next year---the Junior field will be WIDE OPEN from 1st November, 1977.

POND COMPETITION

There were only 5 entries, judged by Don Finch and Dave Cheswright, Dave Holliday also came on tour as Phtographer and we hope to show his slides soon.

1 st	Peter Miell
2 nd	Steve Elven
3 rd	Alan Chapman
4 th	Derek Durrant.

There were many green waters and a lack of oxygenating plants.

2 of the 4 winners had newly built ponds and these showed signs of being very good by next Year. It has been decided that Peter's Card and Trophy will be awarded to his Mother,

MEETING 3rd MAY 1977

This meeting was used to make the preparations for the Open Show: it was rather dusty and dirty work, especially for those under the stage getting all the bits and pieces out. The dampness had struck at some of the woodwork, but this was sorted out. All the bits were put in the Scouts' hut ready to be taken to the other hall when needed,

A judging competition was held, and got some quite startling score sheets - Ed's was startling anyway.

There were six fish, two of which were disqualified; a mosquito, because of the duckweed in the tank, and a neon because it had neon tetra disease.

The other fish were judged by the experts to be in this order: Class F - Epiplatys Dageti, Class R - Moon Platy, Class C - Black Widow, Class E - Honey Gourami. All the fish were on the small side and the Gourami had a tatty tail.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Walley Hadkiss	-	Glasses
Annette Smith	-	Glass Fish (glass type glass fish)
Steve Spicer	-	Ice Box.

TABLE SHOW

Db ~ dwarf cichlids 8 entries,

1 st	.	K.Smith	Kribensis	79 points.
2 nd	.	D.Cheswright.	Ramirezi	78 points.
3 rd		R. Smith	Kribensis	77 points.
4 th		Mr. Neale	kribensis	74 points.

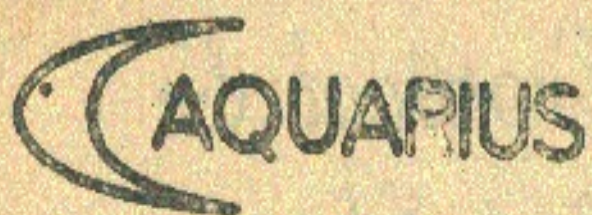
No Junior entries.

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HENRY the Goldfish, ate GREGORY, the Tadpole. CONDOLENCES TO STEVE SPICER!!!

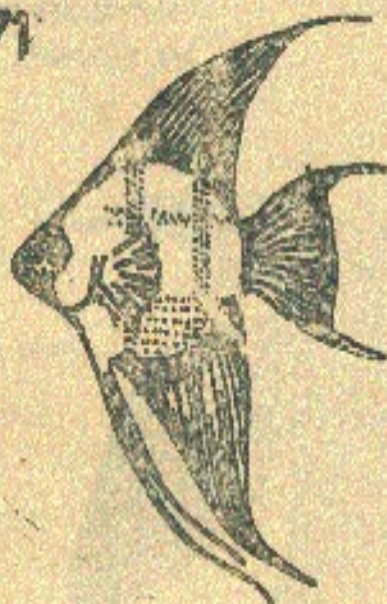
It is rumoured that Mr. Peter Capon is now working in Barking, Essex and may soon be seen again in the Southend area. Watch the "Aquarist" as I understand that he has an Article coming out soon. Whether we will be able to understand the contents is another matter!!!

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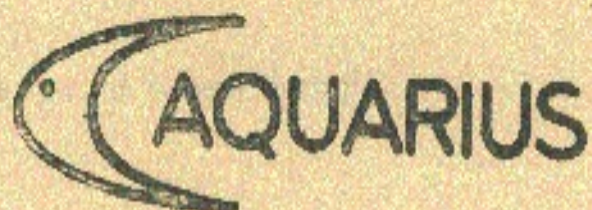
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Meeting - 17th MAY, 1977

A good attendance as this was Auction night. We welcomed several new Members who had joined at the Open Show. There were plenty of goods to be sold and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Raffle

S.Elven	Thermos flask,
D.Edwards	Schuberti Barbs.
Mr. Neale	Plant.
Mrs. Smith	Tomato plants (donated by ixirs. wylie).

TABLE SHOWS Judged by Dave Edwards

Class S - F Egglaying Toothcarps.

1 st	D.Cheswright	<i>Epiplatys dageti</i>	73 points
2 nd	D.Cheswright	<i>F.chrysotis</i>	72
3 rd	P.Tolmie	<i>R.cylindraceous</i>	71
4 th	C.Cheswright	<i>R.agilae</i>	??

NO JUNIOR ENTRIES.

Class S -Aw Aquascapes. Only 2 Entries

1 st	D.Durrant	71 points
2 nd	S.Elven	58

J -AM ONLT 2.....ENTRIES

1st and 2nd S.Spicer.

There was no Meeting on 7th June as it was a Bank Holiday.

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Mr. Peter Capon passed me a note the other week re an infection known as Pancreatic Necrosis which is in the Hanningfield ftesovoir; this disease kills young fishes and is transmitted to the next generation by those which survive. Trout fishing is not affected but the movement of eggs, fry and fish has been banned from the resovoir for at least 2 years in an effort to eliminate the disease.
Editor.

The next **S.L.A.D.A.S. OPEN SHOW** is scheduled for **20th MAY, 1978**. Andy Smith has again agreed to act as Show Secretary and will need the help and work of all members.

MEETING 21st JUNE 1977

This night there was supposed to be an Inter-Club quiz but unfortunately there were not enough Harlow members present to make up a team. Two teams therefore were made up of SLADAS members comprising of Team.1. Steve Spicer, Dave Cheswright,-Don Finch, Ron Faulks; Team 2. Andy Smith, Howard Preston, Derek Durrant and Alan Chapman,, Mike Shadrack from Ilford chaired the event, assisted by Bill Hatt also of Ilford. After a hard fought and very close contest Team 1 were the winners by a few points

A houseplant table show was also held to make a change- Ed. doesn't have the results of that, but there were some very interesting and exotic looking plants on the table. .

THE DBAS TOP CLUB TROPHY (Dunmow &.District AS) was awarded to Steve Spicer, Dave Cheswright, Chris Cheswright, Bob Smith and Dave North for winning most points in Interclub competitions.

TABLE SHOW - INTERCLUB CLASS S - MOLLYS 3 entries

1 st	S. Spicer	Sailfin.
2 nd	S. Spicer	Black Molly
3 rd	D.. Cheswright	Black Molly

CLASS S-T 5 entries

1st	D.Cheswright	<i>Het` bimaculatus</i>	73
2 nd	D.Cheswright	<i>Xenotocia eiseni</i>	71½
3 rd	D.Cheswright	<i>Poecilia Melanogaster</i>	71
4th	D.Durrant	<i>Xenotocia eiseni</i>	67

CLASS Cab . 4 entries

1 st	G.Dyer	Blue Tet.	66
2 nd	G.Dyer	Blue Tet.	65
3 rd	R.Wylie	Phantom Tet	64
4 th	G.Dyer	Silver Tet	59

CLASS, S-R

1 st	R.Wylie	Red platy
2 nd	D. Cheswright	Moon platy

Judge J. Carney

RAFFLE WINNERS

D. Durrant	Glasses
C. Cheswright -	Goblets
J. Riddle	??
Jim Foot	Ice Box
C.Lomas (Ilford) -	Book
K. Dyke	Plants

Correction -This was the Dunmow Open Show Trophy not INter-Club

MEETING - 5th JULY, 1977.

John Boss and Bill Argent gave a very good talk on Characins. They covered the Breeding of Emperor Tetras first. They have been bred by East London members for over 12 years. Imported first in about 1950 they are about 2½- inches long and have no adipose fin, which is unusual in Characins. They are very hardy and the mid 70's F are best although they will tolerate from 68 to 86F. John reckons their best feature is the black pupil to the eye surrounded by a green iris males have forked long Caudal (tail) fin and an extended Dorsal fin. He said it was best to try to get males and females from different sources as there has been so much inter-breeding over the Years. But at least 6 in order to obtain good pairs and grow them on on a mixture of foods, particularly live food and ox heart.

They appear to spawn better when young and are not difficult to breed. Use a plastic tank and wash out with hot water and salt, rinsing well. About 18" x 10" x 10" is about the best size, Water recommended was 50% rain plus 50% tap, no gravel in breeding tank, no plants—use nylon mops or clean coconut fibre. About 6 inches water depth and cover tank with cloth to eliminate most of light. Temp` about 80F. Leave pair in for 2 weeks but remove them as soon as eggs are seen. DO NOT feed during this period or you will possible destroy the eggs due to the excrement which would result. Emperors do not produce large numbers of eggs.

Diamond tetras were then dealt with. A similar set-up for breeding but using all rain water—clean and filtered through Peat-a minimum softness of 8 degrees with Johnsons soap test. Keep the water in the dark for 2 weeks before use. A thin layer of peat is required on the bottom of the breeding tank. Use mops or coconut fibre as before. Diamonds can lay up to 300 eggs which are brown and semi-adhesive.

The fry of both Species hatch in about 24 hours and are free-swimming about 2 days later-no food until then. Best food is newly hatched brine shrimp or Liquifry—with the latter buy a new tube for each brood as it quickly goes bad if kept once opened. Put some snails in the tank AFTER eggs have hatched to clear up after the fry.

Congo Tetras were the final Species dealt with, John said that the eggs take 6 days to hatch and they turn white about 1 hour after spawning many eggs have been poured away, thinking they had fungussed. To see if adults are ready for spawning check the eyes. The black colour spreads right across the eye—if this is not so they are not ready to spawn, best Temp`. 75 to 80F.

RAFFLE

P.Miell	Nets.	J.Wylie	Filter
S.Spicer	Plant	G.Dyer	Filter
J.Foot	Book.	Mrs. Faulks	Plant.
Mrs Smith	Fungicide	(for Andy's pipe)	

TABLE SHOWS Judge, Andy Smith.

S - N o-t Pairs of Livebearers, 7 entries

1st	D.Cheswright	Blue limias	77 points
2nd	D.Durrant	<i>X.eiseni</i>	68 points
3rd	K.Davis	Var. Platy	67½ points
4th	T.Blackmore	. Guppies	67 points

J -No-t.only 1 entry S.Spicer

INTER-CLUB RESULTS at EAST LONDON on 15th July, 1977.

Class C	1 st .	2nd.	3rd.	4th. ..
	T.Irving -southend.	R.Thoday.E.L	Mrs. Faulks S.	K. Agent. E.L
Cab.	R.Thoday E.L.	R.Thoday E.L	R.Smith. C.	???? E.L,
F	R.Thoday E.L	C.Cheswright S.	C.Ches`. S.	G.Dyer S.
0	D. North C.	D.North C.	D. Durrant S.	S.Spicer S.
T	All 4 places D.Cheswright S.			

Best fish — D.Cheswright. Total entires about 140.

Judges. G.Wood, D.Kickman, J.Carney and K. Beadle.

2 raffle prizes were won— by Mrs. Faulks and Jack King.

An interesting ;talk on Breeding, with slides, was given by Mike Pearson.

TOTAL POINTS TO DATE:- Corringham - 2799½-. E.London -2750½ Southend ,- 2703½

MEETING 19th July 1977. '

Poor attendance due to holidays and a rather poor lot of fish for the Auction. Alan. had difficulty in counting the numbers in some bags as the fish were so small— an early night as bidding finished at 10p.m,

RAFFLE

Audrey Cheswright	-	Glasses.
Louise Faulks	, ' -	Chequer barbs.
Ken Dyke	-	Cherry barbs. .
Alan Chapman	-	Schuberti barbs.

TABLE SHOWS. (,iudged by Andy Smith). .,

S – Dz Cichlids. - ONLY. 4 entries.

1 st A.Moltino	Jewel	72 points. :
2 nd D.Holliday	Firemouth	71 points.
3rd K.Dyke	Tilapia	61 points.
4 th A.Moltino .	Jewel	59 points. ..

NO JUNIOR ENTRIES.

S -Mini-tanks. ONLY 2 entries ,,, ,

1st and 2nd C.Cheswright.

J - ONLY 1 entry - 1st S.Spicer.

What has happened to all our Junior members???

SUPPORT OUR TABLE SHOWS - there are always better fish left at home than appear on the Show bench. There are 4 classes above with a total of ONLY 7 entries.

Meeting- 2nd August, 1977..

The intended talk on Koi had to be cancelled and our President, Alan, stepped in with a slide talk on the 1977 Open Show covering from loading the cars right through to Prize-giving by the Mayor, there were also a few slides of earlier Shows, put on by Southend, ;-!• (brief mention was made of the Secretary's collapsing car but this was luckily for Alan, this was not shown on the screen),,

The Table shows were classes J and T, judged by. Dave Cheswright and Don Finch—results not to hand.

RAFFLE

H.Preston	Book.
J. Payton	Lamp
S. Spicer	Filter and fungus cure (I don't think Steve smokes a pipe)

MEETING - 16th August. 1977.

There were only 30 members present. Members agreed to nominate Derek Durrant as an F.B.A.S. Coldwater Judge —back to the Table Shows to get from C to A class !!! This was in confirmation of the decision taken at the previous meeting.

Dave Holliday's Bather, who is the retired landscape Superintendant, Southend Corpoartion, gave a very good Slide lecture on Southend's Parks and Gardens. The quantity of Flowers and the varieties and layouts were really fantastic. It was not a Fishy talk but all members had a thoroughly enjoyable time— I did not realise just how many gardens there are ready for the taking.

RAFFLE

D.Holliday	Teapot.
J.Payton .	lamp
D.Dodd	Plant.

TABLE SHOWS. (Judge Dave Bdwards). entries, -

S- U Goldfish only 2 entries

1 st	D.Cheswright.	72 points.
2 nd	R.Davis	68 points.

S-V Twintails only 2 entries -

1st and 2nd D.Holliday.

S-W A.O.S. coldwater only 3 entries -

1 st	K.Adams	Sunbass	80 points.
2 nd	K.Adams	Koi	75 points.
3 rd	R.Davis	Koi	63 points.

J – W 1 entry only

– 1st S.Spicer Koi 67 points.

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COMMTTEE MEETINGS

Meetings were held on **26th April, 31st May, 28th June, and 26th July, 1977.**

In April, before the Open Show our finances held were down to £60. due to Show expenditure. By 26th July the Balances held were £234.

Some Open Shows trophies had not been returned in time for the 1977 Show but Andy Smith reported in July that only 3 out of 8 were still missing and an advert will be put in trade journals to try to trace them.

In May it was agreed to move Table Shows into the main Hall whenever possible so that members would have more of a chance to look at the entries.

It has been decided to build a new library box in the near future, subject to cost of timber, etc.

In response to an enquiry by a member it was decided that, if members want to check temperatures at Table Shows, they must bring their own thermometer.

Several Library Books have been missing for many months and our Librarian Steve Spicer, has been unable to trace who has them due to lack of details when he took over the job. If anyone has these please return them to Steve.

The Rules of the Society are being re-duplicated in the up-to-date layout and will soon be available in the library.

There has been difficulty in obtaining Fry for the usual Fry rearing Competition and the Committee decided finally to buy some, These may be available in early September but the trouble is to find a source for smallish fishes at a reasonable price.

New size and shape F.B.A.S. tanks will soon be available at 60p each. They are 7x5x5 inches and have square corners— an improvement on the previous round-cornered ones.

In July 1 proposal for the Meritorious breeding trophy award was put forward. If any members have bred something considered an achievement they should let out Table show secretary, Tony Moltino know. Please see Rules for this Trophy obtainable from Librarian.

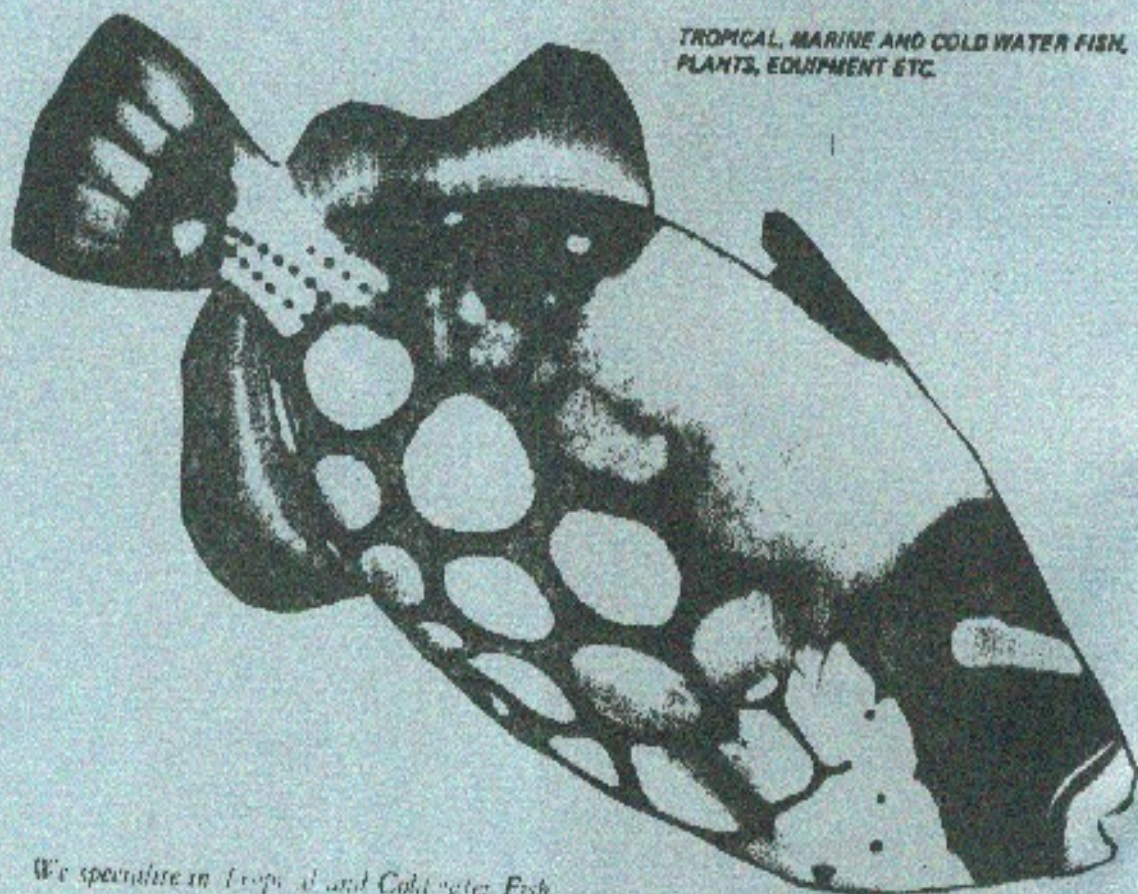
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The -Editor does not want comments on typing errors—the typewriter keys keep changing places !!

Dot Chapman will soon be selling tickets for the Disco Social at the "Paddocks", Canvey Island, on Saturday, 26th November, 1977. Have your money ready please.

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